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TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: VOA COVERAGE OF PRC INTERNAL AFFAIRS

REF: A) HONG KONG 9032; B) STATE 173966

1. WE AGREE THAT EXISTING MECHANISMS FOR POLICY REVIEW  
OF ITEMS FILED BY VOA CORRESPONDENT HONG KONG SHOULD NOT  
BE CHANGED BY GETTING CONGEN INVOLVED IN "CENSORSHIP" OR  
"CLEARANCE".

2. PARA 4 REF. B PROMPTED IN PART BY VOA STATEMENT TO US  
DURING DISCUSSION HERE THAT SEEMED DESIGNED TO JUSTIFY  
STORIES FILED BY CORRESPONDENT ON GROUNDS THAT HE CONSULTS  
CLOSELY WITH CONGEN. WE WERE CONCERNED THAT ABSENCE OF  
ANY CONGEN MENTION OF PROBLEM ARISING FROM THINLY-VEILED  
VOA COMMENTARIES WOULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY VOA CORRE-  
SPONDENT ALONG "SILENCE GIVES CONSENT" LINES.

3. HOWEVER, WE WILL LEAVE MATTER TO YOUR DISCRETION.

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